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THE FOLLOWING TEL SNET ACTION NEW DELHI INFO SECSTATE/KABUL
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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY SALES POLICY

REF: NEW DELHI 1978

1. THE LINE YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING WITH THE INDIANS (REFTEL ABOUT
U.S. ARMS POLICY TOWARD PAKISTAN IS JUST RIGHT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
ALERTING US TO DESIRABILITY OF EARLY ACTION VIS-A-VIS INDIANS IN
ORDER TO AFFECT THEIR THINKING BEFORE IT IS SET IN CONCRETE
WHEN THEY BEGIN TO FACE PUBLIC QUESTIONING WITH CONVENING OF
PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 17.

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2. PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE THE GENERAL LINE YOU ARE PRESENTLY TAKING, STRESSING THAT ALTHOUGH OUR ARMS POLICY IS UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW, NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN AND THAT WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GOI BEFORE ANYTHING IS ANNOUNCED. YOU CAN ADD THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY MADE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF OUR POLICY TOWARD THE SUBCONTINENT UNMISTAKEABLY CLEAR TO BHUTTO AND HIS ADVISORS AND URGED THEM TO CONTINUE TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH INDIA, AFGHANISTAN AND BANGLADESH. BHUTTO RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THESE USG APPEALS, AS WITNESSED BY INSTANCES YOU CORRECTLY CITE IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL. YOU MAY DRAW UPON THESE REASSURANCES BY BHUTTO IN YOUR CONFIDENTIAL TALKS WITH INDIANS, AS WELL AS NOTING AS ANOTHER POSITIVE INDICATOR BHUTTO'S PUBLIC REMARKS IN FAVOR OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION.

4. FOR KABUL: RE YOUR QUERY IN KABUL 0647, WE WILL SEND YOU LATER SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON TALKS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS. IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, THAT ARMS POLICY IS UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW AND THAT WHATEVER DECISION IS FINALLY MADE, THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF US POLICY WILL REMAIN AS THOSE CONTAINED IN STATE 26449.

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